

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selling a commodity using a shopping site on a network, said method comprising:

providing, by a commodity selling system, a first network address for a constituent member of a particular group and a second network address for a customer who is not a member of the particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system;

judging whether a customer who has accessed a commodity selling system via the network is a constituent member of a particular group based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

judging whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;

certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group;

selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is certified as a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address; and

selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
offering a first commodity catalog including the first sales conditions to the customer, if the customer is a constituent member of the particular group;
offering a second commodity catalog including the second sales conditions to the customer, if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group; and
selling the ordered commodity based on the first sales conditions upon receiving an order issued using the first commodity catalog, and selling the ordered commodity based on the second sales conditions upon receiving an order issued using the second commodity catalog.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for selling a commodity using a shopping site on a network, said method comprising:

judging whether a customer who has accessed a commodity selling system via the network is a constituent member of a particular group based upon a network route used by the customer to access the commodity selling system;

judging whether certification is to be performed based on the network route used by the customer to access the commodity selling system;

certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group;

selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is certified as a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving ~~the~~an order for the commodity from the customer; and

selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving ~~the~~an order for the commodity from the customer,

wherein said first sales condition beingis based on a network address represented by a first Uniform Resource Locator for a first network route used by the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second sales condition beingis based on a network address represented by a second Uniform Resource Locator for a second network route used by the customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system, and~~system; and~~

~~judging whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group based upon a network route used by the customer to gain access;~~

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first ~~Uniform Resource Locator~~network route, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second ~~Uniform Resource Locator~~network route.

6. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for~~of selling a commodity using a shopping site on a network, said method comprising:

providing, by a commodity selling system, a dedicated network address for a constituent member of a particular group and a general network address for a customer other than a constituent member, said dedicated network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said general network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for a customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling ~~system~~system.

judging whether certification of the customer is to be performed based on a network address of the commodity selling system accessed by the customer;

certifying a constituent member of the particular group by referring to a database storing

constituent member information of the particular group, and

displaying a first commodity catalog including special sales conditions set for the constituent member of a particular group, ~~and displaying a first commodity catalog including special sales conditions set for the constituent member of the particular group~~ on a terminal of the constituent member, when the constituent member accesses the shopping site using the dedicated network address;

displaying a second commodity catalog including ordinary sales conditions on a terminal of a customer other than the constituent member, when the customer access the shopping site using the general network address; and

selling the ordered commodity based on the special sales conditions upon receiving the order issued using the first commodity catalog, and selling the ordered commodity based on the ordinary sales conditions upon receiving the order issued using the second commodity catalog;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for selling a commodity using a shopping site on a network, said method comprising:

providing, by a commodity selling system, a first network address for a constituent member of a first group and a second network address for a constituent member of a second group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for a customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system;

judging to which group among a plurality of particular groups a customer who has accessed via the network belongs based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

judging whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;

certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a member of the particular group;

selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is certified as a constituent member of the first group, upon receiving ~~the~~an order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address; and

selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the second group, upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

offering a first commodity catalog including the first sales conditions to the customer, if the customer is a constituent member of the first group;

offering a second commodity catalog including the second sales conditions to the customer, if the customer is a constituent member of the second group; and

selling the ordered commodity based on the first sales conditions upon receiving an order issued using the first commodity catalog, and selling the ordered commodity based on the second sales conditions upon receiving an order issued using the second commodity catalog.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for selling a commodity, said system comprising:

a certification information storage unit storing information for certifying a constituent member of a particular group;

a certification unit ~~checking whether a~~certifying a customer is a constituent member of the particular group based upon with reference to said certification information storage unit and a network address used by the customer when the customer accesses via a network a shopping site, when accessed by the customer via a network based on a network address of a shopping

~~site accessed by the customer;~~

a commodity information storage unit storing first sales conditions that define conditions for selling commodity to a constituent member of the particular group and storing second sales conditions that define conditions for selling a commodity to a customer other than a constituent member of the particular group, said first sales condition being based on a network address represented by a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second sales condition being based on a network address represented by a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer other than the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system; and

a selling unit selling a commodity based on a result of said certification unit and the sales conditions stored in said commodity information storage unit, upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer,

wherein a plurality of network addresses for access by a plurality of customers are provided;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

10. (Original) The system according to claim 9, further comprising an offering unit offering the first sales conditions to the customer who has been certified by said certification unit and offering the second sales conditions to other customers, wherein

said selling unit sells the commodity to the customer based on the sales conditions offered to the customer when receiving an order for the commodity from the customer.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein said commodity information storage unit stores the first and second conditions for each commodity.

12. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein said certification information storage unit and said certification unit are owned or managed by a seller who sells the commodities.

13. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein said certification information storage unit and said certification unit are owned or managed by the particular group.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein said offering unit displays a commodity catalog including the first sales conditions on the terminal screen of the customer who has been certified by said certification unit, and displays a commodity catalog including the second sales conditions on the terminal screen of a customer other than the certified customer.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selling a commodity, said apparatus comprising:

a providing unit providing a shopping site that can be accessed via a first network address for a constituent member of a particular group and via a second network address for a customer other than a member of the particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for a customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system; and system,

wherein the providing unit

determines whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group based on a network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer,

judges whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer,

certifies the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group, and

a commodity information storage unit storing first sales conditions that define conditions for selling a commodity to a constituent member of the particular group and storing second sales conditions that define conditions for selling a commodity to a customer other than a constituent member of the particular group; and

a selling unit selling an ordered commodity based on the first sales conditions if the customer is certified as a constituent member of the particular group upon receiving the order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address, and selling an ordered commodity based on the second sales conditions if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address,

~~wherein whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group is determined based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;~~

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selling a commodity, said apparatus comprising;

a providing unit providing a shopping site that can be accessed via a first network address for a constituent member of a particular group and via a second network address for a customer other than a constituent member, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer other than the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity ~~selling system; and~~ system.

wherein the providing unit

judges whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;

certifies the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member

information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group; and

a selling unit selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions when accessed by a constituent member of the particular group using a first network address among the plurality of network addresses upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address and selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions when accessed by using a second network address upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address, wherein whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group is determined based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for selling a commodity, said apparatus comprising:

a providing unit providing a shopping site that can be accessed via a first network address for a constituent member of a first particular group and via a second network address for a constituent member of a second particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system;

a commodity information storage unit storing first sales conditions that define conditions for selling a commodity to a constituent member of the first particular group and storing second sales conditions that define conditions for selling a commodity to a constituent member of the second particular group; and

a selling unit selling an ordered commodity based on the first sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the first particular group upon receiving an order for the

commodity from the customer to the first network address and selling an ordered commodity based on the second sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the second particular group upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address,

wherein the providing unit

determines whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group ~~is determined~~ based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

judges whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;

certifies the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group, and

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 9, further comprising a terminal device used for purchasing a commodity from a shopping site on a network, the terminal device comprising:

an accessing unit accessing the shopping site, which offers a first commodity catalog to a constituent member of a particular group and a second commodity catalog to a customer other than a constituent member of the particular group, using a predetermined ~~addresses~~address,

wherein a first network address is a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and a second network address is a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer other than the constituent member of the particular group,

wherein the constituent member is prompted to input certification information for the certifying by the certification unit based upon the predetermined address and the certification information;

a displaying unit displaying the first commodity catalog offered by the shopping site; and
an ordering unit ordering a commodity using the first commodity catalog.

19. (Currently Amended) A recording medium that records a program, executed by a computer, for selling a commodity, said program causing the computer to perform:

providing, by a commodity selling system, a first network address for a constituent member of a particular group and a second network address for a customer who is not a member of the particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system;

judging whether a customer who has accessed via the network is a constituent member of a particular group based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

judging whether certification is to be performed based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;

certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group;

selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is certified as a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address; and

selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is not a constituent member of the particular group, upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

20. (Currently Amended) A recording medium that records a program, executed by a computer, for selling a commodity, said program causing the computer to perform:

providing a shopping site that can be accessed via a first network address for a constituent member of a particular group and via a second network address for a customer other than a member of the particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the customer who is not a member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system; ~~and~~
determining based on the network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer whether to certify a customer;

certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, judged to be a constituent member of the particular group; and

selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions when accessed by a constituent member of a particular group using the first network address, and selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions when accessed by using a second network address by a customer other than a member of the particular group wherein whether the customer is a constituent member of the particular group is determined based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;

wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

21. (Currently Amended) A recording medium that records a program, executed by a computer, for selling a commodity, said program causing the computer to perform:

providing a shopping site that can be accessed via a first network address for a constituent member of a first particular group and via a second network address for a constituent member of a second particular group, said first network address being a first Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent member of the particular group to enter the commodity selling system and said second network address being a second Uniform Resource Locator for the constituent

member of the second particular group to enter the commodity selling system; ~~and~~
determining whether a customer is a constituent member of the first or second particular group based on a network address of the shopping site accessed by the customer;
certifying the customer by referring to a database storing constituent member information of the particular group, when the customer is judged to be a constituent member of the particular group; and
selling an ordered commodity based on first sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the first particular group upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the first network address, and selling an ordered commodity based on second sales conditions if the customer is a constituent member of the second particular group upon receiving an order for the commodity from the customer to the second network address,
~~wherein whether the customer is a constituent member of the first or second particular group is determined based on a network address of a shopping site accessed by the customer;~~
wherein both a first price as the first sales conditions and a second price as the second sales conditions are provided for the constituent member of the particular group through a first page identified by the first Uniform Resource Locator, the first price being lower than the second price, and the second price as the second sales conditions is provided for the customer who is not a constituent member of the particular group through a second page identified by the second Uniform Resource Locator.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a terminal device used for purchasing a commodity from ~~at the shopping site on a network~~, the terminal device comprising:

an accessing unit accessing the shopping site, which shopping site offers a first commodity catalog to a constituent member of a particular group using the first network address and a second commodity catalog to a customer other than a constituent member of the particular group using ~~at the~~ second network address,

wherein the constituent member is prompted to input certification information for the certifying by the certification unit based upon the predetermined address and the certification information;

a displaying unit displaying the first commodity catalog offered by the shopping site; and
an ordering unit ordering a commodity using the first commodity catalog.